

# WOMAN, NOT YOUTH, VICTIM OF MURDER

## TWO FUGITIVE OUTLAWS REPORTED KILLED IN FIGHT

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### ALLEN AND EDWARDS SLAIN BY DETECTIVES HUNTING LAST OF OUTLAW BAND?

Two Men Hunted for Weeks  
Said to Have Been Shot  
Dead by Mountain Posse.

RICHMOND GETS NEWS.

Another Story Is That Court  
Slayers Were Captured After  
Killing Pursuers.

(Special to The Evening World.)

RICHMOND, Va., April 4.—Persistent reports are received here that one of the possum hunters for Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the last of the Hillville court house assassins at large, ran their men down to-day in the wild country between Hillville and Mount Airy and had a battle with them.

One report is that both outlaws were killed after seriously wounding several of their pursuers. The other is that they were captured alive, but that two of the Baldwin and Feltz detectives were killed.

Dan Baldwin, the head of the agency, whose office is at Roanoke, a little more than one hundred miles from Hillville, was summoned over the telephone from this city at noon. He said that the runner had been coming into his office all morning but not from any of his own men or from any source which made it possible for him to confirm the story, though he found it easy to believe that such a battle had occurred.

Tom and Lee Feltz, who have been leading squads of ten and fifteen men into the roughest part of the mountains, have all along predicted that Sid Allen and Wes Edwards would die rather than be captured. So sure were the detectives of this that those who know them best had a grim suspicion that they would shoot Allen and his nephew down on sight, without giving them a chance to surrender the lives of members of the posse.

The hunt for the outlaws has been long and thorough. It began March 14, when Baldwin and Feltz agents collected from throughout the Southern mountains began pouring into Hillville and Mount Airy, N. C., which is twenty-five miles away across the backbone of the Blue Ridge.

A careful system of elimination was used. As soon as one hollow or gulch had been scoured a man was left there to guard against any possibility that the members of the Allen clan would go back to it after the hunt had moved on. The work was necessarily slow, but it has been proved effective.

The tactics of the pursued men were adapted to the nature of the country. All along the foothills are families either relatives of or under obligations to the Allens for credit in hard times and many kindnesses. From these the fugitives got food. A single cabin at the end of a gulch may overlook miles of open country. Every movement of detectives from that side could be noted. If none appeared during the day it was quite safe at night for a messenger from the house to go with food to the wooded gulch and hand it to the Allens.

There were five of the clan in the band that took to the mountains. Sidna Edwards, crippled by a scaled foot, hurt in his illicit distillery, gave himself up in Lanesburg, a moonshiner's settlement two weeks after the murders in the court house. Last week Claude Allen was found and a day or two later Fred Allen surrendered near the home of his father, Jack Allen, ten miles from Hillville.

When Fred Allen was brought in he said that his uncle Sidna had been shot twice in the court house battle and in his subsequent duel across the lawn with County Clerk Grogg, once in the side and once in the leg, and was suffering acutely.

POSSE STARTED OUT TO-DAY FOR FINISHED FIGHT.

Allen and his nephew were reported this morning to be in the mountains between Hillville and Mount Airy, across the North Carolina line. With good weather to-day the searchers declared they would end the long hunt by either capturing or killing the outlaws.

As stated above, it was three weeks ago that the Carroll court house tragedy with its toll of five lives was enacted. Of the seven members of the Allen clan who are indicted for the murders, Floyd, Claude and Fred Allen, Sidna Edwards and Byrd Marlowe are all at Roanoke awaiting trial.

### TWO OUTLAW CHIEFS REPORTED KILLED IN FIGHT WITH POSSE.



WESLEY EDWARDS.

### KEITH SILENCED AFTER RUMPUS IN STATE COMMITTEE

Member from Nassau District  
Gets No Chance to Attack  
Leader Murphy.

Henry B. Keith, newly elected Democratic State Committeeman from the First District, which includes Suffolk and Nassau, was bowled over, if not silenced, at the meeting of the State Committee this afternoon in the Knickerbocker Hotel. Mr. Keith had gone to the meeting full of fight because he had been shorn of the patronage of his district. He had lost his \$4,000 a year job as counsel in the district for the State Comptroller and his friend had been ousted from his \$4,000 a day place as a foreman of highways.

Mr. Keith was armed with a resolution that he wanted read, but it wasn't. This declared that county organizations should be "free and independent" from outside influence. The resolution declared that "the Democratic party in the State requires that Charles F. Murphy and Tammany Hall confine their activities to the Borough of Manhattan."

KEITH STARTS IN EARLY TO RAISE A RUMPUS.

The committeemen from out Long Island way got going early. George M. Palmer, of Schenectady, had been re-elected chairman and John A. Mason, secretary, when Keith began. "I have here a certificate of election,"

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### FLOOD SMASHES LEVEES AT CAIRO; 500 ESCAPE DEATH

Waters Rush Over the River  
Banks After an Army of  
Men Works All Night.

THOUSANDS HOMELESS.

Conditions Grave at Memphis,  
Hickman, and Other Places.  
Taft Orders Army to Aid.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—With floods in ten States, the levees at Cairo, Ill., smashed, the Mississippi River at Memphis 3 feet above the high record mark, and at Cairo 1.7 feet above the highest previous mark. Weather Bureau officials to-day were unable to predict any cessation in the constantly rising flood below Cairo. Reports to the bureau indicated the water would continue to rise slowly, and no prediction was made as to when the flood would turn.

Results of the great rush of waters up to date as reported here are:  
Eight thousand persons homeless.  
Eight persons drowned.  
Property loss many millions. In Cairo alone, \$5,000,000.

Ten States affected.  
Nine thousand acres of manufacturing district at Cairo under water. Future City and Urbana, Ill., outlying some sections of Cairo, with combined population of 1,100,000.

Hickman, Ky., factory district and part of high section flooded. Two thousand homeless.

TAFT ORDERS ARMY TO AID SUFFERERS.

Columbus, Ky., with outlying country under water, depriving 1,000 persons of homes.  
Memphis, Tenn., river sections flooded, driving 1,200 from homes. Many factories under water.

New Madrid, Mo., 800 homeless.  
Dorena, Mo., 700 homeless.

Hundreds of persons fleeing from flood-threatened homes in towns between Hickman, Ky., and Helena, Ark.

President Taft to-day ordered the Quartermaster-General of the Army to supply rations to people driven from their homes by the Mississippi flood, wherever there is suffering from food.

This action was taken after an extended conference with Senator elect Ollie M. James of Kentucky, who presented the appeal from all the flood districts along the river.

The fact that many refugees are in need of food supplies was urged upon the President as a reason why he should ask an emergency appropriation of \$200,000 for a relief fund.

President Taft told James that quicker action could be secured by having the army supply food, and orders were sent to the Quartermaster's Depot in St. Louis to rush rations to the Cairo district to-day.

FLOOD BREAKS CAIRO LEVEES; CITY IS CUT OFF.

A quartermaster of the army with a sufficient corps of assistants was ordered to the scene last night and he will have charge of issuing the rations and determining what quantities are needed in the future. The army will follow the course of the flood down the river and thus be enabled to have food and tents to be issued the moment the people are driven from their homes to higher ground.

Meanwhile an emergency appropriation bill has been introduced in Congress and as soon as this is passed the President will sign it.

CAIRO, Ill., April 4.—Cairo is without train service and is almost surrounded by water by the breaking, early to-day, of the Mobile and Ohio levee which protected the drainage district. All railroads pass through the drainage district, which is now under from 5 to 15 feet of water.

The levee of 800 workmen were engaged and property valued in excess of \$50,000,000 was submerged when the Mississippi levee broke a crevasse 125 feet long in the dike.

The levee broke after more than 200 workmen had fought for five hours to fill a depression seventy feet long and five feet deep. Five hundred men were fighting on the Big Four levee in an effort to stem the rise of the Ohio. Fearing this dike would not hold under the strain, a tug was ordered out with a rescue party on board and brought the workers in.

The levee broke at a point near the bridge junction. The river overflowed

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### East Side Portia Secret Bride in Ceremony at Philadelphia



Frieda Thomas

### EAST SIDE PORTIA IS SECRET BRIDE, DESPITE DENIAL

Frieda Thomas Wed to Bosler  
by a Magistrate in  
Philadelphia.

(Special to The Evening World.)

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—Although they declared in New York to-day that their plans to wed secretly in this city had been spoiled by an inquisitive reporter and that they had returned to their homes without the ceremony unperformed, it was learned to-day that Miss Frieda Thomas, the "East Side Portia" of New York, and William D. Bosler, an assistant to former District Attorney Jerome, were married in this city Tuesday evening.

Magistrate Joseph Call said this afternoon that the pair drove up to his house in a taxicab during the heaviest period of the rainstorm Tuesday evening. They asked to be married immediately, and he complied with their wishes. They left his home without delay.

"The only thing that attracted my attention," said the Magistrate, "was that the bride was a remarkably pretty girl."

GOT LICENSE AT HOME OF BU-REAU CLERK.

The license on which they were married was issued by Robert E. Ferguson, the clerk of the Marriage License Bureau, at his home, No. 3015 Marshall street.

"The couple came to my house about 7 o'clock Tuesday evening and asked for a marriage license," said Mr. Ferguson this afternoon. "They said they had come from New York. I asked the necessary questions, and as they answered satisfactorily I issued the license. The couple said they wanted to be married by a Magistrate and asked me to direct them to the nearest one. I sent them to Magistrate Call's home, two squares away."

In getting the license, Bosler said that he was born Feb. 23, 1877. He gave New York as his place of residence and said he was an attorney at law by occupation. Miss Thomas said she was born March 15, 1886. She said that she lived at No. 50 Second street, New York. She said she was a clerk by occupation.

DENIED SHE WAS WED, AD-MITTED TRYING TO BE.

In this city yesterday the girl lawyer admitted she and Mr. Bosler had gone

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### HOBBLE-SKIRT CAR DAZES BROADWAY ON FIRST PAY RUN

Stepless, Strapless Invention  
of Wearied Straphanger  
Makes Big Hit.

WOMAN LEADS RIDERS.

Mrs. Ackerman Hands Inaug-  
urating Nickel to Caged  
Cashier at South Ferry.

Did you see it go down Broadway? Thousands stopped to stare at it. Stare at what? Why, the new car which the New York Railway Company built at the suggestion of the public for the benefit of the public, and the strange part of it is the public is going to be benefited.

It's the first stepless, hobble-skirt, hygienic, fool proof, side door public safety or whatever you will (they haven't named it yet) car, which made its first trip from the car barn at Ninety-ninth street and Madison avenue to South Ferry to-day, carrying a party of newspaper men and officials of the company.

The new car is so different from the ordinary Broadway "rattler" that the first paying passengers to ride in it on the return from the South Ferry de- clared they might just as well ride in an automobile, so far as separation is concerned.

WOMAN FIRST PAY-RIDER ON STRAPHANGER'S INVENTION.

The first passenger to enter the car at South Ferry after it had been declared open was a woman, Mrs. A. L. Ackerman of Bayonne, N. J., who declared she never felt so free from confusion and comfortable on a street car before.

Some months ago, when the John- Robinson receivership ended with the reorganization of the Metropolitan Rail- way, signs were placed in all the cars asking for suggestions regarding the betterment of the service. Jan. 15, J. S. Doyle, Car Equipment Superin- tendent, and Vice-President Frank Hed- ley looked over the suggestions and three weeks ago ordered a car built em- bracing the valuable improvements suggested.

Entrance to the car is through a wide side door. There is only a ten inch step to the floor of the car, which is low and solid, like the underbody of an automobile. The conductor is behind a rail which allows ten persons to enter before the door of the car is shut. The car cannot start be- fore all doors are closed, nor can the doors be opened until the car stops, connection being made by an electric switch to the motorman's inclosure in front.

The seating capacity is fifty-two per- sons, all of whom are enabled to enter and leave the car with rapidity.

The main idea in this was to elimi- nate chances of accident. As Vice- President Hedley put it to-day: "The car is absolutely fool-proof and the ideal of street car service."

The sanitary equipment is elaborate. There is an automatic control on the trucks which throws open the ventila- tors little by little as the load of the car increases.

ITS STRAPLESS BESIDES BEING STEPLESS.

Following the suggestions of experts in the matter of tuberculosis infection from straps through perforation of the hands, the car has no straps, their place being taken by posts of hollow steel tubing with glass fused at 2,000 degrees over the surface. There is a coat of white enamel which can be washed with a carbolic acid solution every night, cut- ting down the danger from germs which might cling.

Another feature is the fender, which is built scooplike, with a pneumatic front that strikes at the knees, tossing the victim of the accident into a sitting position instead of fracturing his skull, as heretofore.

The improvements in the paying sys- tem. Passengers approach the conduc- tor, who sits high in the middle of the car, before a small brass wicket, like a cashier. Change is made by him and dropped by the passenger into a small receptacle with several holes in it.

No matter what the amount of money dropped may be, the machine asserts it and registers the total. For instance, if two nickels, one dime and four cop- pers were tossed into the coin receiver, the register would indicate 24 cents, and

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### BURIED AS 'SLAIN' BOY, WHO RETURNS ALIVE, BODY MAY BE WOMAN

Theodore Furman Back at Middle-  
town; Murder Mystery, in Which  
Mother and Brothers Accused  
Each Other, Deepens.

HE DIDN'T KNOW, HE SAYS,  
HE WAS BELIEVED DEAD

Police Suspect Family Is Trying to  
Shield Some One Who Hid  
Bones in Ashes.

(Special to The Evening World.)

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., April 4.—In the mystery of the Furman family, which is troubling the police of this city, there are hints of a weird conspiracy to hide a crime, which, if they be true, are stranger than fiction. Theodore Furman, believed by the community to be dead after a head and shoulders understood to be his had been found in a carload of railroad cinders last January at West Brookville, is back in Middletown, alive and well.

Since his disappearance two of his brothers, Joseph and Eugene, have indirectly accused each other of his murder, and one of them has made statements amounting to a confession of the crime. There are rumors abroad now that a young woman from another city was mur- dered at about the time Theodore Furman disappeared, and that by co- incidence, if not by conspiracy, the issue was confused until there was no chance that anybody could ever be brought to justice.

When Theodore came home to-day he pretended not to have known that his disappearance story had caused any anxiety or scandal here and said he never suspected his brothers would be accused of murder or that the Grand Jury had been asked to indict his mother and all her other sons.

NO CLUE TO IDENTITY OF BURIED REMAINS.

The bones buried in the Potter's Field afford not the slightest clue to identity of the person of whom they were once part. For months it has been believed by every one interested that they were the remains of Theodore Furman. The young man's return has dashed the authorities by stunning proof that the bones are not his.

District Attorney Thomas B. Reggan said to-day that while he was com- pletely at a loss to account for the identity of the bones found in the ash heap, the whole incident seemed to make it clear that a crime had been com- mitted.

"The peculiar behavior of the mem- bers of the Furman family," he said, "also warrants the belief that the family is concealing something. No other construction can be placed upon the utterances of the brothers, the mother and the little sister at the time we had the case before the Grand Jury. Some- thing wrong has been done and it is the duty of the representatives of this county to keep working until we know what it is."

The police profess to have some in- formation which makes them think the unidentified body was that of a woman. They say they will make additional ar- rests which will bring out the fact that the confessions of the Furman brothers were made to shield another person. They knowing full well they could avoid conviction when they came to trial.

HAD TO LET MOTHER KNOW WHEN HE ENLISTED.

The discovery that Theodore Furman was alive was made through his ap- plication for enlistment in the Marine Corps. Under the rules of the service his mother's consent was necessary. He wrote to her, telling of his desire to see the world. He was apparently all unconscious of the story that he had been murdered by his brothers. This was the letter:

Dear Mother: I am well and hope you are all the same. I hope Webb is better. I have just taken an ex- amination for the Marine Corps. I passed the best examination of any. I would like to see some of the world, and this is the best chance for a young man. We have a chance to save money and we get good pay. Please sign the papers, and I will come home for a visit before I go to the service. I have been working

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